

Dear Jerry,

2/14/80

Your 2/5 has been here for several days but I've not had time, as I've been telling you for a long time and won't keep in telling you. Yesterday I had to go to the drug store, so I decided to listen to your tape while driving. I did - until I came to those sickening sounds. I then turned it off, as I told you I would, even though this time I could have continued to listen while driving. I'm sure I missed nothing except your usual stupidity of boasting how tough you are or how the FBI is afraid of you, the disasterous nonsense you have talked yours lf into and has been so ruinous to your family, as you are too plain stupid to recognize. I've been telling you for years and I keep on coming accross more prof of it.

Before then you were impatient, important man that you are, to get what you asked for and I'd responded to as soon as I could. I also returned those of your FBI records you sent me. (You did not understand what they mean either.)

Do you for a minute think it requires a bonehead like you to recognize that maybe there is a possibility for John's filing suit over what Blakey did to him? Why do you think we went to all the trouble to get those records? And why do you think Jim is still after the ones they have not provided? Is John so stupid that he needs you to make this kind of request for him? Why is it not enough for you that I told you I'd taken t his up with Carol for him and sent him the message that as best he can with all the time pressures he has Jim is carrying it forward and seeking other possibilities? What in the hell do you think you can do that others can't do? Who needs you for what? To run off at the mouth and continue making trouble for everyone else?

Has it ever occurred to you that first these stoies appear and get major attention and then, so soon after transfer to Springfield, John is out and at a half-way house?

I don't care how others Hooiser you and you love it because it makes you feel important, I'm telling it to you as it is. Stay out of things you don't appreciate or understand or you hurt your family worse than you already have. Abnd don't keep trying to osu me into doing what is wrong or I'll lay it out to you and them in detail. The world is not what you dream it to be so you can imagine a false importance for yourself or live a fiction character, lik "Boss," which is short for childish jackass.

Id John wants or needs more than he has he is quitecapable of asking for it for himself. If he has another lawyer and that lawyer wants something from the lawyer John has, Jim, that lawyer is quite capable of asking for it and I'm sure Jim will help all he can. Jim has the original of those records, I don't, and Jim is carrying the appeal fo ward while in other ways I seek to do what I can. Not you. And this is

no childish matter of you thinking you see another headline. It won't be easy because nobody has any money or any time and because all the terrible stupid things you, Jimmy and Mark have done have turned off all decent people. But we are trying and we will continue to and there is nothing you can do but make another mess.

I don't want to talk to you this way but you leave no choice. Leave John's life alone unless you can help him get a job his parole will permit. And if you keep it up I'll say what you'll like to hear even less and it also will be true.

Now on those sickening sounds you make and think are music: the next time I hear one is the last tape I'll listen to. I want no more of your baby stuff about how tough you are or that laughable baby stuff about the FBI being afraid of you. As I've told you many times, the only reason they didn't put you away is because they know you'd be the only one likely to blab and you did. Don't force details out of me or you and Carol and John will get them. I don't have time for your baby stuff and the first new repetition of it will be the last. Sincerely,